

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the priority information in this application to correct the Examiner's Amendment and to prevent confusion based on that Amendment.

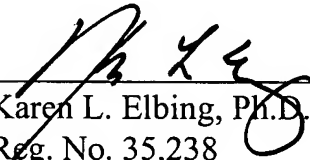
The Examiner's Amendment indicates that parent CIP application is US application 10/020,682, whereas this parent application is in fact US application 10/020,683. Also, the Examiner's Amendment fails to indicate parent priority application DE 101 09 204.0, and it is unclear whether this priority information is to be included in the amendment to the specification.

Applicants' present amendment corrects the inadvertent error in the serial number and clarifies that the German application is to be included in the application's priority information. Applicants' present amendment also indicates that the parent CIP application is abandoned, as set forth in the Examiner's Amendment.

If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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